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Has General I  
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Pls, note esp. all  
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our embargo on  
OTKINEN Sabotage  
activities.

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SUBJECT: Operational - DTLINEH brief survey of DTLINEH administrative disruptions and minor sabotage action

*Fighting Gov-P Against Inhumanity*

1. Administrative harassment, as conceived by DTLINEH, serves a dual purpose:

A. to burden Gov Zone administrative channels with added expense and inconvenience, to cause mistrust and confusion among officials, and to aim ultimately at a breakdown in the whole administrative system.

B. to inform East Zone inhabitants of impending regulations that they might be better off, or, by means of forged orders, create actual benefits for the population.

2. Following is a concise compilation of representative methods employed by DTLINEH in carrying out administrative harassment operations in the GER. An attempt has been made to indicate the variety of methods and targets. It is suggested that any procedural detail desired on specific actions can best be obtained from the memo office, since DTLINEH does not retain DTLINEH files no longer germane to current operations. (In this regard past monthly progress reports, which contain noteworthy examples of such administrative harassment actions, may be especially useful.)

3. Operational methods have naturally been tailored to each situation and planned on the basis of the considerable operational data and materials in DTLINEH's hands and/or the strategic position of DTLINEH collaborators. Walling operations have involved as few as three and as many as five hundred pieces of correspondence.

4. Summary of DTLINEH administrative harassment operations:

Political Parties and Groups:

Ex. CHS leaders were reproved for "opportunism". See item the SED asked the city of Hennigsdorf to control radio, a list of SED informants - supplied by DTLINEH - was included in the commandments. See PDJ organizers have been played against each other, causing mutual charges, threats, and recriminations revolving around corruption and espionage work.

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Associations:

Ex. The recruitment campaign of the Central League for the Democratic Revival of Germany was sabotaged. The League's call for citizenship was generously exploited. \*\*\* within the Society for German-Soviet Friendship, compulsion, mutual spying, and the loss of the Eastern provinces were outlined. Under appropriate guise, President Roosevelt's speech on occasion of the anniversary of the founding of that Society was publicly criticized.

GDR Parliament:

Ex. Refusals to invitations for New Year's receptions of Soviet officials were sent out on behalf of GDR delegates.

SED:

Ex. Plotitious confessions and improper distribution of large quantities of goods in short supply were "exposed". \*\*\* False SED orders were sent to customers and suppliers of the Calan Generator Works directing the suspension of all business transactions pending the outcome of "legal proceedings" against the firm. \*\*\* Heavy government orders for beds and desks for the Volkspolizei were disrupted by the alteration of delivery dates and places. \*\*\* Numerous warning letter orders were carried out against SED informants.

Land  
Government:

Ex. Plotitious cases of corruption were "exposed". False orders were issued for the ration-free sale of fish to consumers.

General  
Attorney's Office:

Ex. Violations of official orders by state's attorneys were reported to this office. \*\*\* The use of confiscated vehicles by officials was exposed. \*\*\* Cases of insubordination at the Leipzig Land Court were criticized. \*\*\* Remonstrances on personal rights were denied in cases of house searches. \*\*\* Confiscation of mail and goods was frustrated.

Economic  
Ministry:

Ex. Forged orders were sent out directing the ration-free sale of gasoline to certain "authorized" categories.

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Labor Offices:

Ex. Communications ostensibly sent out by these offices directed Party-line comrades to report for work in the mines.

Finance Ministry and  
Finance Offices:

Ex. Forged orders were issued for the cancellation of preliminary declarations of estimated tax. \*\*\* The abolition of monthly reports on estimated income tax declarations was ordered. \*\*\* Letters were sent out stating that genuine official circulares were actually false and should be disregarded. \*\*\* Tax numbers were changed. \*\*\* The due date of annual tax declarations was "officially" changed. \*\*\* Auditors needed for important industrial audits were ordered elsewhere. \*\*\* A declaration was given out saying that tax assistants would be allowed again. \*\*\* Orders were given out cancelling clothing allowances to Volkspolizei officers. \*\*\* Letters were sent out to firms asking that time-consuming fiscal reports be submitted again, since the first ones were lost. \*\*\* Recurrent reminders and requests for administrative details were sent out.

Business:

Ex. Bills were sent out with a notation that a six percent reduction would be allowed; the bank account number to which remittances should be sent was changed. \*\*\* Bills were sent out to various firms for goods neither ordered nor delivered. \*\*\* The granting of unrestricted credits to farmers and tradesmen was ordered.

NO Stores:

Ex. "Inventory sales" at up to 60 percent reductions were ordered throughout the GDR. \*\*\* All store managers and bookkeepers were called by telegram to a conference in Leipzig. \*\*\* Delivery orders for large quantities of unnecessary goods were placed with various People-Owned enterprises. \*\*\* Orders were issued reducing the prices of beverages at NO restaurants by 40 percent.

Municipal:

Ex. Meetings of town delegates were criticized. \*\*\* Municipal discussions betraying disagreement and hostility among town officials were propagandistically exploited. \*\*\* Burgomasters in Landkreis Gotha were ordered to start another potato bag propaganda campaign.

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Press:

The false news orders for the Irish were placed, the false economic reports were given to the press, the Irish press was given false reports on huge fish hauls and subsequent non-related sales.

5. Unfortunately, files available have do not permit detailed exposition of the exact methods and techniques employed in the above-listed actions -- which the undersigned suspects would be more appreciated. But the lists covering some of the most effective administrative measurements carried out, may nevertheless indicate the range of targets and activity, and provide a brief if inadequate survey of DTLIRH operations in this field.

6. Types of minor sabotage actions carried out with indigenous materials by DTLIRH:

- A. Cutting of air brake tubes on trains.
- B. Bleeding of railway switches.
- C. Blocking of railway sidings.
- D. Jamming of railway signal devices.
- E. Insertion of sand or metal filings into bearings of various kinds.
- F. Piercing of oil reservoirs of transformers.
- G. Upsetting production in the textile and glass industries by addition of various chemicals.
- H. Interruption of power supply by causing short circuits in cables.
- I. Loosening of retaining devices in rolling mills and crane construction works.
- J. Rusting of tires.
- K. Destruction of large propaganda displays with small incendiaries.
- N. Addition of acids into moving parts of machines to ruin precision parts.
- N. Upsetting production processes in various industries such as industrial ceramics by mechanical, chemical, or thermal alterations.

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